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SUBJECT: PRC SEIZURE OF OPIUM

REF: STATE 270141 DEC 10, 1974

1. ON DEC 16, 1974 THE HONG KONG NARCOTICS BUREAU PROVIDED INFORMATION TO DEA HONG KONG CONCERNING A RECENT PRC SEIZURE OF OPIUM.

2. ON NOV 27, 1974, PRC GUNBOATS SEIZED AN OPIUM LADENED HONG KONG FISHING JUNK. THE JUNK WAS APPARENTLY SEIZED IN PRC TERRITORIAL WATERS, SOUTH OF THE LEMA ISLANDS. THE HK JUNK WAS BELIEVED TO CONTAIN FIFTY SACKS OF RAW OPIUM, TOTAL WEIGHT APPROX 2,750 POUNDS, VALUED AT BETWEEN HK\$25 TO HK\$30 MILLION (US\$5.3 TO US 6.4 MILLION).

THE JUNK ALONG WITH THE OPIUM WAS SEIZED AND THE CREW, FIVE MALES, TWO FEMALES, AND TWO CHILDREN, WERE DETAINED. SUBSEQUENTLY, ALL CREW WERE RELEASED AND RETURNED TO HONG KONG WITH EXCEPTION OF TWO MALES WHO ARE STILL BELIEVED IN PRC CUSTODY.

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3. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, THIS IS THE FIRST NARCOTICS SEIZURE

EFFECTED BY THE PRC IN THEIR TERRITORIAL WATERS NEAR HONG KONG.
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